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The fine big Presbyterian Church at Cass burned down Tuesday afternoon. The building is about a total loss. Much of the furniture was saved. It is thought the fire originated from the electric wires to the organ. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.

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The Huntersville road. I found some good examples of ripple marks turned into hard red stone on the road side. The slabs of rock would do well enough for a wash board. The theory is that the sand was smooth along the beach and that in a sheltered cove the sand or mudflat was swept by wavelets so that the

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The name of Bradshaw has faded out of Poconongas county, but a large number of citizens of the name of McLaughlin, Cackley, Gwin, Hogarth and Tallman are direct descendants of the old pioneer. It is safe to say that enough descendants of this Soldier of the Revolution could be named who would far outnumber the members of the societies known as

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the Sons of the Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution in West Virginia, as large and prosperous as those societies have become. John Bradshaw had four sons who removed to foreign countries, two to Missouri, one to Virginia, and one to Lewis county. He had four daughters who married here and left a host of descendants. At the time that the Revolution broke out John Bradshaw was eighteen years old. At that time he was scouting around on the western waters somewhere about Wolf Creek, in Monroe county.

Early in that war the Indian armies appeared on our western frontier, and the backwoodsmen were organized into a branch of colonial service known as rangers, but officially designated as Indian spies. It was their duty to watch the country along the Seneca trail from Monroe county to Preston county. Along this line a large number of stockade forts were built in the bloody seventies. The best men were detailed for this service. They took the usual oath of the soldier and in addition to that oath they swore not to build a fire at night no matter how cold or rainy it might be. Bradshaw said that he usually made a three or four

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About this time, John Bradshaw had a stroke of luck which made him one of the richest men of the mountains. A ticket that he held in a State lottery drew him a prize of ten thousand dollars and that was an immense fortune in those days.

He was a prominent figure in Bath county and in this county after its formation. My father remembers seeing him. My father was seven years old when John Bradshaw died

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When Pocahontas county was organized in the spring of 1822, the commissioners met at John Bradshaw's house, and they took from him a deed for about an acre of ground on the bluff across the lane from his house, for the county buildings. This site was accepted and a brick courthouse built on it that lasted until the county seat was moved six miles west on the Huntersville road to the new city of Marlinton.

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next year he was licensed to keep an
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license fee of \$18.00. In the mean-
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You know there is a great deal of talk about the extreme age of forest trees that is mostly all guesswork. Here is a tree that we know to be less than a hundred years old that shows signs of old age and which has reached its full size.

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Close by him in the home of George M. Craig, a prominent citizen of this county, was born in 1801 and died in 1880. He was a member of the church, and was an elder in the Presbyterian church. One of his sons was the Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig, prominent in the Southern Presbyterian church. He was about my father's age and as boys they left the same day in company to enter Washington College at Lexington, Virginia. In the year 1880, where both graduated. As far as I know there were the first college graduates from Buchanan county, and both became

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A great many persons trace their
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children of William Bradshaw. Nancy
married Isaac Hartman of Green
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sight of his grave would be notable
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monument for a tablet to be placed
on this great arch with the name of
John Bradshaw and the dates of his
service in the war for independence.

The traveller on the Huntersville
road can locate the tomb of John
Bradshaw from the road as he crosses
the bridge leading into Huntersville
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SCHOOL REPORTS

Bruffeys Creek school, fifth month. Upper grades, perfect: Irene Bruffey, Mildred Wimer, Neil Kinnison, Niel Tharp, Faithful; Edith Mitchell, Mary and Edna Smith, Dick and Neal Anderson, Dale and Wirt Kinnison, Foster Sizemore. Lower grades: Hazel and Marvin Brock, Billy Williams, Alfred Hull, Lebeatrice Kinnison, Patrick McNulty.

County Agent, J. Haynes Miller visited our school February 1st, and gave us a very interesting talk on 4-H Club work. The boys and girls enjoyed hearing him. The club now has twentyone members.

Raywood school, fifth month, advanced grades, Cathleen Vaughan, teacher. Perfect: Holland Sprouse, John Friel, Charles Malcom, Domenick Circosta, Ernest White, Lewis Lyle, Mary F. Malcom, Marie Dickson, Della Gum, Valeria Frazee. Intermediate grades, Jean Pritchard, teacher. Perfect: Carl Conley

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Miss Hedrick, one of our teachers, visited her home last week end.

Miss Pritchard, another teacher, is sick. Glen Friel has been teaching for her.

McNeer Kerr has returned home from the Charlottesville Hospital, where he underwent a very serious operation.

Mrs. Nannie Sutton has returned from a Huntington hospital where she had been for medical treatment.

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NATURE NOTES

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Henry Wright, a prisoner in the jail who was sent here from Cass for possession of moonshine liquor, was taken seriously ill with some intestinal disease and also seems to be affected mentally. He is being treated at the hospital. His home is said to be at Leonard in Greenbrier county, but nothing definite has been learned about his residence or family, if any.

He will probably be committed to the State hospital, if his condition warrants his removal. Any one knowing this man, or any information as to his relatives, kindly communicate with the Sheriff's Office, Marlinton, Pocahontas county, W. Va. He seems to have been chronically sick for a long time, and bears the scars of several abdominal wounds or operations.

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Dallas McKeever had the misfortune to break a leg last Saturday. While working on his farm head of Swago, he stepped

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After a short illness, George Brown Cochran was called from this life to the life beyond on December 8, 1927. Mr. Cochran was born in Pocahontas county, on September 26, 1842, thus being 85 years, two months and 15 days of age at the time of his death. He married Miss Martha E. Hollandsworth, January 25, 1882. She died February 8, 1883. One child was born to this union—Mrs. James F. Rock, of Renick, with whom Mr. Cochran made his home. He leaves to mourn their loss his daughter, Mrs. Rock, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, a host of relatives, and his many friends.

Mr. Cochran made a profession of faith and united with the Methodist Protestant church in which he served very faithfully, being an official member until his death.

Mr. Cochran served in the Civil War as a Confederate soldier, taking part in several battles. He was not only a soldier of the war; he was a soldier of the cross. His body was laid to rest in the Droop Cemetery, December 10, 1927. XXX.

In the graveyard sweetly sleeping,
Where the flowers gently wave
Lies the one we love so dearly
In his lonely silent grave.

He shall never be forgotten,
Nor shall his memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will always linger
Around the grave where he is laid.

No one knows how much we miss him
No one knows the tears we shed;
But in Heaven we hope to meet him,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

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I have attended all club meetings, keep project circulars up to date, read and study all club literature; took pains in working to make a success on the sewing project. I talk club life in our community, and try to get all boys and girls who do not belong to join, and try to get the parents interested in club work. The name of our club is Mount Tabor I-Can Club; motto, We can because we think we can: color, Gold and blue; flower, Merrygold; yell, Tin Can, Who Can, We Can. We have a jolly and go lucky club; everyone enjoys the work and takes an interest. We have eight bright members—Margaret McLaughlin, Nadine, Edna and Walker Lee Beverage, Carl, Lynn and Gladys McCarty, Floy Shrader. We are planning on having a Valentine party, and also must mention this is the month to begin our booklets.

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Olivia Lucille Hannah, Elk Busy Bee Club, Edray, W. Va.



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Most of the geology belongs to the period referred to generally at B. C. At that time there was no one living here that we can definitely determine. So to bring the conversation down to the times known as A. D., I want to make some mention of a citizen who so far as I can figure out has the right to be known as the father and founder of Huntersville, and that is John Bradshaw.

The name of Bradshaw has faded out of Pocahontas county, but a large number of citizens of the name of McLaughlin, Cackley, Gwin, Hogsett and Tallman are direct descendants of the old pioneer. It is safe to say that enough descendants of this Soldier of the Revolution could be named who would far outnumber the members of the societies known as

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the Sons of the Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution in West Virginia, as large and prosperous as those societies have become. John Bradshaw had four sons who removed to foreign countries, two to Missouri, one to Virginia, and one to Lewis county. He had four daughters who married here and left a host of descendants. At the time that the Revolution broke out John Bradshaw was eighteen years old. At that time he was scouting around on the western waters somewhere about Wolf Creek, in Monroe county.

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Bradshaw joined the company of Captain Thomas Hicklin, in Col. Sampson Mathews regiment, and served an enlistment of three months from the highlands to the sea. He was in a battle at Portsmouth, with John Slaven, and a lot of other mountain men, and being discharged he came home for the summer. But along in August he was called to the colors again and again marched down from the mountains to the sea, and by the time that he got to Yorktown the colonial troops had penned up Lord Cornwallis and a big British army on a narrow peninsular, and

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Soon after the Revolution, John Bradshaw moved west of the Allegheny and founded Huntersville. He got for his mountain home the plantations now owned by Sherman P. Curry, the Amos Barlow heirs, and J. H. Buzzard, several square miles of territory, and this included all of the site of the town of Huntersville. The Bradshaw home was placed on a bluff looking down on the beautiful waters of Knapps creek, at or near the place where Isaac Bradshaw

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About this time, John Bradshaw had a stroke of luck which made him one of the richest men of the mountains. A ticket that he held in a State lottery drew him a prize of ten thousand dollars and that was an immense fortune in those days.

He was a prominent figure in Bath county and in this county after its formation. My father remembers seeing him. My father was seven years old when John Bradshaw died

the seventy-nine years old. In his old
age, he was a large portly man, with
elegant manners, and fine dress, and
walked with a crutch richly inlaid
with silver.

When Pocahontas county was or-
ganized in the spring of 1822, the
commissioners met at John Brad-
shaw's house, and they took from
him a deed for about an acre of
ground on the bluff across the lane
from his house, for the county build-
ings. This site was accepted and a
brick courthouse built on it that
lasted until the county seat was
moved six miles west on the Hunters
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One of the first orders of the new county court was to grant license to keep a house of private entertainment at his residence for the year ending in May, 1823. For this he paid a license of \$4.50. But the next year he was licensed to keep an ordinary at the same place for a license fee of \$18.00. In the meantime, Bradshaw sat as one of the county court, being a justice of the county. The main difference between a house of entertainment and an ordinary was that that the ordinary could sell spirits and wine by the small measure. The court fixed the tariff. For a half pint of whiskey the charge was 12 1 2 cents or one bit. There were plenty of half cent pieces in those days. Meals were 25 cents and lodging 12 cents. A gallon of grain was 12 1 2 cents and hay for

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John Bradshaw sleeps in the old Huntersville cemetery. His grave is not marked by a lettered monument but it can be located and it should receive one of the monuments provided for by Congress for Revolutionary soldiers. My father says that his grave is marked by a wild cherry tree growing directly over his last resting place.

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The old cemetery is on the brow of the bluff just west of the state highway where it climbs the elevation to turn around the postoffice going east. John Bradshaw departed this life January 6, 1837. A tall unlettered native slab of rock is at the head of the grave, and a smaller one at the foot, both standing. Between the two stones, exactly over the center of the grave there is a large wild cherry tree, perhaps thirty inches in diameter. This tree is showing signs of great age, and is ready to fall. There is some talk of cutting it down on account of its condition.

You know there is a great deal of talk about the extreme age of forest trees that is mostly all guesswork. Here is a tree that we know to be less than a hundred years old that shows signs of old age and which has reached its full size.

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Close by him is the tomb of George E. Craig, a prominent citizen of this county, was born in 1801 and died in 1846. He was a merchant at the county seat. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church. One of his sons was the Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig, prominent in the Southern Presbyterian church. He was about my father's age and as boys they left the same day in company to enter Washington College at Lexington, Virginia, in the year 1850, where both graduated. So far as I know these were the first college graduates from Pocahontas county, and both became

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A great many persons trace their
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children of William Bradshaw. Nancy
married Isaac Hartman of Green
Bank, Mary Jane married Alexander
Moore, of Stony Creek, Seneca mar-
ried Washington Nottingham, of
Glade Hill, Buldoh, married John A.
McLaughlin, of Huntersville, Martha
married Beverly Waight, of the Lin-

the Levels, and Matilda married
Nicholas Linger of Lewis county.

There would be no trouble to form
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sight of his grave would be notable
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monument for a tablet to be placed
on this great arch with the name of
John Bradshaw and the dates of his
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I then came on my way home and stopped at the mouth of the nameless little run on J. H. Buzzard's place where there are millions of small stones, the talus washed down from the hills above, and I stopped to take my daily breath of fresh air, and keep on with my continuing hunt for a perfect trilobite, which will probably be the millioneth stone I turn over.

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